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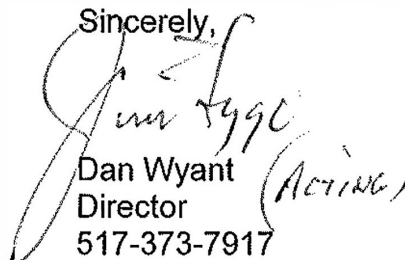
Dear Dr. Hedman:

Through this letter, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is withdrawing Michigan's attainment plan for the 1997 fine particulate (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard as a proposed revision to the Michigan State Implementation Plan. This attainment plan was submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on May 15, 2008.

The seven-county PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area in Southeast Michigan has attained both the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual standards and the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> daily standards with ambient monitoring data for 2007-2010 showing design values below the nonattainment thresholds. The Southeast Michigan region continues to maintain compliance with these standards, and a determination of clean data was made by the USEPA in November 2012. We urge the USEPA to expeditiously review and propose approval of Michigan's request for redesignation to attainment, which has been pending since July 5, 2011.

Please direct any questions regarding the withdrawal of the MDEQ's PM<sub>2.5</sub> plan and the pending PM<sub>2.5</sub> redesignation to Mr. G. Vinson Hellwig, Chief, Air Quality Division, at 517-373-7069; hellwigv@michigan.gov; or MDEQ, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Mr. Douglas Aburano, USEPA, Region 5  
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